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CONTACT REPORT

DATE: 2130 hrs, 29 Jan. 1954 - 2215 hrs.

2003

PLACE: [] office

PERSONS PRESENT: []

DISCUSSION:

Cantered around meeting of [] with RUFUS and [] following receipt of information on white paper issued by the Guatemalan Government.

[] gave the document to RUFUS and translated same for [] Neither seemed shocked by its contents.

[] asked RUFUS: In relation to the information we had, had he received any correspondence from Guatemala on the trip he was alleged to have passed ("he" being DELGADO). "Yes", RUFUS did receive documents on this trip. No reports on station TGW specifically or any other radio station.

RUFUS said he had known ~~about~~ this about DELGADO and was very surprised. When he saw DELGADO he had disclaimed the accusations; said they weren't true; DELGADO did not want to be fingerprinted.

[] ~~gave~~ gave [] DELGADO's report to RUFUS on the trip which he had made. DELGADO was used twice as a courier between SEQUIN and RUFUS, once going by commercial air and once in the light plane. He went directly from Managua to Guatemala City and back. DELGADO is probably in Panama now, ~~giving~~ giving RUFUS time to make an investigation of him.

DELGADO carried from SEQUIN to RUFUS only a few letters and brought reports. He also had documents when he came to the US, a report from CIRO, propaganda material.

[] mentioned that photostats of DELGADO's documents were easily obtained by ~~us~~ in Cuba and could likewise have been obtained by the Commies. Cubans retained one paper, alleged to be a receipt from the CP for funds.

[] asked: What did DELGADO know about the operations? Answer: He knows everything. What doesn't he know? Does not know specific details of the military plan. He does know PABLO, all training sites (he helped choose the training sites - w/PABLO), did photo reconnaissance, knows what the sites are for.

[] said it was very unlikely that he knew the men sent there since all went in pseudo and arrived recently.

's true name

RUFUS claims DELGADO did not know PABLO/through any document he carried for RUFUS. It is possible, however, he may have handled PABLO's passport in order to get his documentation arranged.

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PABLO and DELGADO used the same pilot in the Cessna. Pilot was [] on the trip to Guatemala.

RUFUS never used any true name of PABLO on any documents and he himself used a variety of pseudos. Never signed any correspondence except with a typewriter; therefore no signatures on any documents he did write.

[] asked when RUFUS first became aware of the accusations against DELGADO. On the 21st of the month he had a report from [] (who is a source of ours) to the effect that DELGADO had talked to three people in the Guat government - ~~MARTINEZ~~ ^{MORAN}, Secy to the President; MARTINEZ and ROSENBERG and DELGADO handed over to them a map which had been sent to RUFUS, a letter to [] and another letter from []

[] asked RUFUS why he hadn't been told of this. RUFUS said he heard many things and since he thought very highly of DELGADO, thought it impossible

This report referred to above could be the same as the NOVELLA report.

[] is a lawyer, quiet man, in charge of [] for RUFUS.)

[] asked RUFUS who had used DELGADO's house. ~~SEKITEK~~ PABLO had lived in it for a few days but no longer did.

Counter Measures

He said there would be three....

[] suggested YIGORAS FUENTES could take the full blame. That was a possibility since he couldn't help them much at this point. RUFUS then said this might be a plot of theirs because apparently a Guatemalan source had come into the Foreign Minister's office in El Salvador and said something had to be done about the Guat exiles there and he was told that "steps were being taken" to intimidate them in the various countries of refuge.

Rufus and [] believe a lot of this came from the tortures of recent captives, possibly []

We pointed out that this was too carefully planned. They said that possibly the torture of [] and several others might have been the thing that the government wanted. If a large part of this White paper was obtained by brutality, then they could point out that this was obtained by torture.

SEQUIN told the Ambassador of El Salvador, who took him for sanctuary, that a source in the Palace had seen DELGADO turn info over.

Another counter-acting tactic they suggested would be the desperate effort on the part of the Guat Commies to stir up animosity before the OAS Conference a desperate effort to enlist aid for their cause. This White Paper will be the basis of their plan. CGT meeting soon.

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RUFUS and [] are in favor of any support to get out to Guatemala, El Salvador and Mexico a bulletin by them. Bulletin should be done in Guatemala or Honduras (CEUAGE group). Use radio and propaganda group for retaliation.

[] said he would like to see the documents. They feel that they can do more when they see it and know where to go from there. It would, perhaps, let them know where the information came from.

They are worried about PABLO. They claim he went through Guatemala on his way up. They were afraid papers he carried may compromise him. RUFUS said he wished to see PABLO immediately. "What he doesn't remember, I will remember."

He was told we want to postpone his trip until we see the White Paper. Reserved comment on his return to Honduras till he saw the White Paper. Cooling off is in order for PABLO.

We said we were going to see how we can get this info to their groups. They said they would begin immediately writing in detail their reactions and how they thought it might have occurred.

(Here the comment was made that reception on radio was good after 1630.)

Comment was made by [] that RUFUS saw the station wagon pass this morning. He made no comment but he did obviously notice it.

RUFUS and [] said they could not understand why, if they really had the stuff, they did publish it at this time. RUFUS and [] felt this would be a very poor time to use them. [] said he felt they didn't get the full impact of what was said to them - about the 7 pages of the White Paper.

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